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In re Application of:

Oswaldo da Costa e Silva et al.

Serial No. 09/828,447 ✓

Filed: April 6, 2001

For: Signal Transduction Stress-Related
Proteins and Methods of Use
in Plants

Art Unit: 1638 ✓

Examiner: Cynthia Collins

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop AF
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003, Applicants submit the present amendments and remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims.

AMENDMENTS**In the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 36, 40, 50, 53, and 57 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 37-39, 41-49, 51, 52, 54-56, and 58 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)

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